GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DROP OUT RATE IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether meritorious students of rural areas are forced to give up their studies mid way to earn their livelihood due to lack of schools;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to open residential schools for boys also in rural areas on the lines of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) As per the Selected Educational Statistics, 2004-05 (with reference date 30.9.2004), the drop out rate for classes 1 to X was 61.92%. Separate drop out rate for rural areas is not available.

(b) & (c) There is no proposal at present to open residential schools for boys in rural areas on the lines of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.

(d)& (e) The Sarva Shiksha Aabhiyan being implemented at elementary stage provides for opening of new schools in habitations which do not have schooling facilities and strengthening of existing school infrastructure through additional classrooms etc.